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Report to General Heusinger

1. Attached for your information is a copy of JX 1413 which allegedly contains the text of a confidential report to Heusinger from a high-ranking East Zone personality.

2. During your conversations with Heusinger has he ever mentioned having such contacts in the East Zone?

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SOURCE A tested source with several informers in the
German East Zone.

The following is the text of a confidential report
to Gen. Reussinger by a high-ranking East Zone
personality:

Since the rivalry between G. M. Malenkov and L. P. Beria has only become acute since my time in Moscow, I am not acquainted with the details. But all indications are that the two men rank next behind Stalin in the Kremlin, and it is certain that there is a struggle between them for the succession. The "great war for the Fatherland" aroused strong nationalist tendencies in the ruling Great Russian section of the Soviet Union, and although it may seem, the Georgian Stalin became the symbol of Great Russia as the Corsican Bonaparte became the national symbol of France. The differences, racially, in language, culture, psychology, and ethnology, between a Corsican and a Frenchman are tiny compared to those between a Georgian and a Great Russian. Although Stalin has been adopted by the Great Russians as one of their own, it is absolutely unthinkable that he should choose another Georgian as a successor, and especially one like Beria, who quite openly works for those foreign to the Slavic race and name. Malenkov's status as second man in the state is partly rooted in the fact that he is a Great Russian. Beria's position rests on the special protection of Stalin and the powers of the MVD/KGB. In the case of Stalin's passing, there would certainly be a struggle for power between the two, and I would give the best chance to Malenkov, or any other Great Russian who took his place. Wilhelm Pieck and Walter Ulbricht were never friends, but rather competitors. In Moscow Pieck is supported by political circles, Ulbricht by the NKVD. Thus Pieck belongs to the Malenkov group, Ulbricht to that of Beria.